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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

- 1. (canceled).
- 2. (canceled).
- 3. (canceled).
- 4. (canceled).
- 5. (canceled).
- 6. (canceled).
- 7. (canceled).
- 8. (canceled).
- 9. (canceled).
- 10. (canceled).
- 11. (canceled).
- 12. (canceled).
- 13. (canceled).
- 14. (canceled).
- 15. (canceled).
- 16. (canceled).
- 17. (canceled).

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- 18. (canceled).
- 19. (canceled).
- 20. (canceled).
- 21. (previously presented): The method of claim 41, wherein the 15-keto-prostaglandin compound is a 13,14-dihydro-15-keto-prostaglandin compound.
- 22. (previously presented): The method of claim 41, wherein the 15-keto-prostaglandin compound is a 15-keto-16-mono or dihalogen-prostaglandin compound.
- 23. (previously presented): The method of claim 41, wherein the 15-keto-prostaglandin compound is a 13,14-dihydro-15-keto-16-mono or di-halogen-prostaglandin compound.
- 24. (previously presented): The method of claim 41, wherein the 15-keto-prostaglandin compound is a 15-keto-16-mono or di-fluoro-prostaglandin compound.
- 25. (previously presented): The method of claim 41, wherein the 15-keto-prostaglandin compound is a 13,14-dihydro-15-keto-16-mono or di-fluoro-prostaglandin compound.
- 26. (previously presented): The method of claim 41, wherein the 15-keto-prostaglandin compound is a 15-keto-20-lower alkyl-prostaglandin compound.
- 27. (previously presented): The method of claim 41, wherein the 15-keto-prostaglandin compound is a 15-keto-20-ethyl-prostaglandin compound.
- 28. (previously presented): The method of claim 41, wherein the 15-keto-prostaglandin compound is a 2-decarboxy-2-(2-carboxy lower alkyl)-15-keto-prostaglandin compound.
- 29. (previously presented): The method of claim 41, wherein the 15-keto-prostaglandin compound is a 2-decarboxy-2-(2-carboxyethyl)-15-keto-prostaglandin compound.

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- 30. (previously presented): The method of claim 41, wherein the 15-keto-prostaglandin compound is a 2-decarboxy-2-(2-carboxyethyl)-13,14-dihydro-15-keto-16-mono or di-fluoro prostaglandin compound.
- 31. (previously presented): The method of claim 41, wherein the 15-keto prostaglandin compound is a 2-decarboxy-2-(2-carboxyethyl)-13,14-dihydro-15-keto-16-mono or di-fluoro-20-ethyl-prostaglandin compound.
- 32. (previously presented): The method of claim 41, wherein the 15-keto prostaglandin compound is a 2-decarboxy-2-(2-carboxyethyl)-13,14-dihydro-15-keto-16,16-di-fluoro-20-ethyl-prostaglandin compound.
- 33. (previously presented): The method of claim 41, wherein the 15-keto prostaglandin compound is a 15-keto-prostaglandin E compound.
- 34. (previously presented): The method of claim 41, wherein the 15-keto prostaglandin compound is a 2-decarboxy-2-(2-carboxyethyl)-13,14-dihydro-15-keto-16,16-di-fluoro-20-ethyl-prostaglandin E₁ isopropyl ester.
 - 35. (canceled).
 - 36. (canceled).
 - 37. (canceled).
- 38. (previously presented): The method of claim 41, which comprises administering ophthalmically a composition comprising a 15-keto-prostaglandin compound formulated in a dosage form suitable for ophthalmic administration.

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- 39. (previously presented): The method of claim 38, wherein said composition is formulated as eye drops.
 - 40. (canceled).
- 41. (previously presented): A method for treating photoretinitis in a subject, which comprises administering an effective amount of a 15-keto prostaglandin compound represented by the following formula (II):

wherein L and M are hydrogen, hydroxy, halogen, lower alkyl, lower alkoxy, hydroxy(lower)alkyl or oxo, wherein at least one of L and M is a group other than hydrogen, and the five-membered ring may have one or more double bond;

A is -CH₂OH, -COCH₂OH, -COOH or its functional derivative;

B is -CH₂-CH₂-, -CH=CH- or -C≡C-;

X₁ and X₂ are hydrogen, lower alkyl or halogen;

R_I is a divalent saturated or unsaturated lower-medium aliphatic hydrocarbon residue, which is unsubstituted or substituted by halogen, alkyl, hydroxy, oxo, aryl or heterocyclic group;

R₂ is a single bond or lower alkylene; and

R₃ is lower alkyl, lower alkoxy, cyclo(lower)alkyl, cyclo(lower)alkyloxy, aryl, aryloxy, heterocyclic group or heterocyclic-oxy group to the subject.

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42. (canceled).

43. (new): A method for treating light induced retinal photic injury in a subject, which comprises administering an effective amount of a 15-keto prostaglandin compound represented by the following formula (II):

wherein L and M are hydrogen, hydroxy, halogen, lower alkyl, lower alkoxy, hydroxy(lower)alkyl or oxo, wherein at least one of L and M is a group other than hydrogen, and the five-membered ring may have one or more double bond;

A is -CH₂OH, -COCH₂OH, -COOH or its functional derivative;

B is -CH₂-CH₂-, -CH=CH- or -C≡C-;

X₁ and X₂ are hydrogen, lower alkyl or halogen;

R₁ is a divalent saturated or unsaturated lower-medium aliphatic hydrocarbon residue, which is unsubstituted or substituted by halogen, alkyl, hydroxy, oxo, aryl or heterocyclic group;

R₂ is a single bond or lower alkylene; and

R₃ is lower alkyl, lower alkoxy, cyclo(lower)alkyl, cyclo(lower)alkyloxy, aryl, aryloxy, heterocyclic group or heterocyclic-oxy group

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